

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Academy School

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

201 Mill Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Dorchester

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

- ☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

- ☐ PUBLIC  
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**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
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#### STATUS

- ☒ OCCUPIED  
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☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES RESTRICTED  
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☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

- ☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
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COURTHOUSE,

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Dorchester County Courthouse

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Catherine L. Moore,

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Add the following to Cathe Moore's material:

This building was constructed in 1903 to replace an earlier school that burned down on December 15, 1902. The architect for both this edifice and the previous one was J. Benjamin Brown, a prominent builder in Cambridge in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The earlier school was built sometime between 1868 and 1877.

This structure served as a public elementary school from the late nineteenth century until 1974. Since September 1976 it has been the home of the "Golden Shore Christian School," offering a fundamentalist education for kindergarten through seventh grade. The school is a good example of how a structurally sound but run-down building can be revitalized and put to use. Through volunteer labor from parents and buying the materials at a discount, the first floor has been remodeled at a relatively modest cost. Plans exist to redo the second floor when the school's enrollment increases to warrant it.

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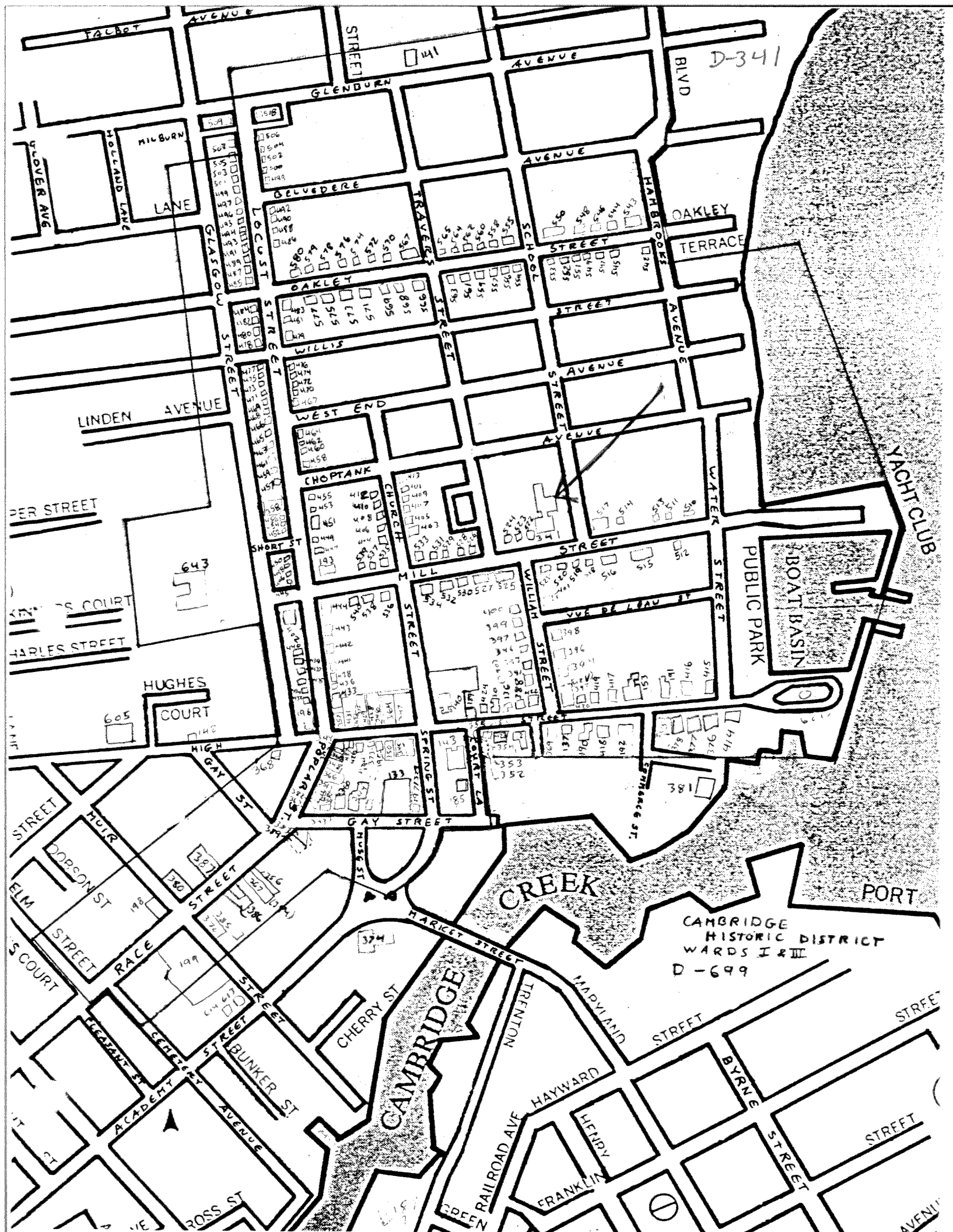
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BOAT BASIN

CREEK

CAMBRIDGE  
HISTORIC DISTRICT  
WARDS I & II  
D-699

CAMBRIDGE



In 1896, the original Cambridge Academy was located on the west corner of Mill and School streets. On Monday afternoon, December 14, 1902, fire destroyed the building; there were three hundred students enrolled in the school, and all were evacuated safely. From the author's collection



After the fire of 1902, the school at the corner of Mill and School streets was rebuilt and became known as Academy School. Mrs. Ella Todd's third grade class posed for this picture about 1914. From left to right, in the top row, are unidentified, unidentified, Emily Hastings, Roxie Windsor, unidentified, unidentified, unidentified, unidentified, Ethel Willey, Margaret McGrath, Mildred Mayne, Louise Wilson, Anna May Hubbard, unidentified, and Louise Blades. In the middle row are Mowbray, Albert Slacum, Henry Taitt, unidentified, unidentified, unidentified, Florence Parks, unidentified, Lillian Hall, and Addie Starr; and in the bottom row are unidentified, Stack, Hurley, unidentified, unidentified, unidentified, unidentified, Wilson Pete Andrews, and unidentified. Courtesy of Anna May Hubbard Carrow



The old Seminary School building faced the intersection of Academy, Muse, and Market streets. Built as a private residence by Dr. James Muse in 1825, it became the Cambridge Female Academy; later, after a merger, it became the Cambridge High School. In 1904, the school was remodeled at a cost of sixteen thousand dollars; ceilings in the building were metal and the building was heated throughout by steam. In 1929 a new high school was opened on School Street.

Col. Albanus Phillips purchased the grounds and the building, and on June 18, 1942, he allowed the office of Price Administration to open its Eastern Shore headquarters in the building. Courtesy of Morley Jull collection

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